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To: Supervisor Don Knabe, Chair
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From: David E. Janssen
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**REPORT ON PENAL CODE (PC) 1463.007 COURT COLLECTION COST
RECOVERY PROGRAM**

Background

Under the Lockyer-Isenberg Trial Court Funding Act of 1997, the County maintains the funding responsibility for certain court-related expenditures, which include those of collection enhancement efforts. On June 25, 2002, your Board approved an agreement with GC Services Limited Partnership to provide collection services to the Court.

In accordance with PC 1463.007, a county that implements or has implemented a comprehensive collection program which identifies and collects delinquent fines and forfeitures may recover the costs of operating such program if the base fine is at least one hundred dollars.

In June 2002, Governor Davis approved AB 1819, which authorizes a county to establish a minimum base fine amount, other than the one hundred dollars that was previously imposed under PC 1463.007 for the purpose of cost recovery. On February 18, 2003, as requested by my office, your Board approved a decrease in the minimum base fine or forfeiture amount for the purpose of court collection program cost recovery from one hundred dollars to one dollar.

Status

Currently, County funds support most of the court collection enhancement program and the County is not recovering the costs from agencies, such as local cities and the State, that receive distribution of court revenues. The implementation of the cost recovery program relies on the Superior Court (Court) to perform data abstraction within the Court's internal collection system and provide the County with the required information. Previously, the Court was not able to dedicate resources to perform the system modifications and enhancements required to produce the information the County requested. The County responded by funding system enhancement to the Court's internal collection system. We were recently informed by the Court that all required system modifications have been completed and information will be available to allow cost recovery beginning with January 2004 expenditures. Based on the data provided by the Court, we are estimating that the County will retain approximately \$0.46 million from local cities and \$1.49 million from the State annually for their share of the collection costs associated with the fines and forfeitures distributed to them. The attached report reflects the estimated annual recovery amounts from these agencies.

Conclusion

The implementation of the cost recovery program will provide the County with an estimated \$1.95 million reimbursement for court collection efforts that have enhanced collection results to local cities and the State. We are estimating \$0.98 million to be recovered in FY 2003-04 as we begin the cost recovery program with reimbursements for January 2004 collection costs.

This cost recovery revenue is included in the FY 2003-04 Adopted Budget of Trial Court Operations and will be used to partially offset the annual MOE payment to the State along with the County's funding obligation on other court-related programs.

If you have any questions, please let me know of your staff may contact Eva Snider of my office at (213) 974-1136.

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Attachment

c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
Superior Court

**PC 1463.007 COURT COLLECTION COST RECOVERY PROGRAM
ESTIMATED ANNUAL RECOVERY AMOUNT BY AGENCY**

AGENCY NAME	AMOUNT
Agoura Hills	460.44
Alhambra	1,213.54
Arcadia	804.22
Artesia	476.19
Azusa	1,152.32
Baldwin Park	1,623.55
Bell	2,923.67
Bell Gardens	1,059.45
Bellflower	3,185.45
Beverly Hills	1,793.58
Burbank	1,549.00
Burbank Airport	13.47
Calabasas	489.93
Carson	3,410.85
Cerritos	2,675.76
Claremont	978.32
Commerce	688.66
Compton	1,687.31
Covina	577.77
Cudahy	712.12
Culver City	2,460.31
Diamond Bar	1,693.15
Downey	2,739.37
Duarte	375.10
El Monte	1,037.99
El Segundo	835.22
Gardena	870.19
Glendale	3,288.98
Glendora	1,741.61
Hawaiian Gardens	411.97
Hawthorne	3,367.91
Hermosa Beach	407.19
Huntington Park	2,460.39
Industry	1,305.56
Inglewood	2,806.12
Irwindale	804.83
La Canada	152.19
La Habra Heights	277.41
La Mirada	1,239.85
La Puente	996.89
La Verne	705.34
Lakewood	1,405.14
Lancaster	1,302.98
Lawndale	979.10
Lomita	374.28
Long Beach	7,877.43

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AGENCY NAME	AMOUNT
Los Angeles	334,056.13
Lynwood	1,654.95
Malibu	1,007.12
Manhattan Beach	1,070.01
Maywood	3,100.19
Monrovia	893.82
Montebello	1,397.03
Monterey Park	948.81
Norwalk	2,036.52
Palmdale	1,791.91
Palos Verdes Estates	73.36
Paramount	449.27
Pasadena	2,908.49
Pico Rivera	1,216.31
Pomona	4,427.60
Rancho Palos Verdes	117.09
Redondo Beach	816.17
Rolling Hills	4.11
Rolling Hills Estates	35.95
Rosemead	668.64
San Dimas	997.47
San Fernando	2,232.79
San Gabriel	751.90
San Marino	365.32
Santa Clarita	1,207.81
Santa Fe Springs	1,647.66
Santa Monica	3,933.83
Sierra Madre	4.81
Signal Hill	235.78
South El Monte	235.66
South Gate	3,618.72
South Pasadena	123.77
Temple City	343.31
Torrance	1,942.91
Vernon	459.01
Walnut	429.53
West Covina	4,866.90
West Hollywood	6,424.00
Westlake Village	624.39
Whittier	2,534.81
Total from Cities	461,045.99
State	1,485,253.14
Grand Total	1,946,299.13